

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Added matter is underlines and deleted matter is struckthrough.

Please **replace** the title of the invention with the following:

RECORDING AND REPRODUCING DEVICE, ~~DISK CARTRIDGE, AND OPTICAL DISK~~
DEVICE HAVING A STABILIZING BOARD AND VERTICALLY-OSCILLATING SLIDER

Please replace the paragraph between lines 1 and 11 on page 22 with the following:

The laser beam 11 emitted by the light emitting and detecting optical system 10 is focused through the objective lens 12 to irradiate the disk 1. The laser~~laser~~ beam 11 on the disk 1 is reflected at the recording medium 1b of the disk 1. The light reflected at the recording medium 1b travels back to the light emitting and detecting optical system 10 through the objective lens 12. The light in the light emitting and detecting optical system 10 is detected by a photoreceptor element (not shown) therein, thereby recording or reproducing information.

Please replace the paragraph between lines 5 and 25 on page 23 with the following:

The slider 7, supported by the suspension 8 and provided opposite the transparent stabilizing board 5 via the disk 1, can oscillate relative to the support section 6 in a vertical direction with respect to the surface of the disk 1. The surface of the slider 7 facing the transparent stabilizing board 5 is flat. When recording or reproducing information with respect to the disk 1, i.e., during rotation of the disk 1, the rotation of the disk 1 induces an air flow between the disk 1 and the slider 7, with the result that the air pressure between the slider 7 and the disk 1 is~~isn~~ increased because the surface of the slider 7 facing the disk 1 is flat. That is, pressure is created

between the slider 7 and the disk 1. In the same manner, rotation of the disk 1 also induces an air flow between the disk 1 and the transparent stabilizing board 5 to create pressure therebetween. In addition, the slider 7 is supported to oscillate. Thus, the slider 7 can be moved to balance out the air pressure between the disk 1 and the transparent stabilizing board 5 with that between the slider 7 and the disk 1.